

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims to remove improper multiple dependent claims, unnecessary means-plus-function recitations and terminology not customary in this country, as well as to improve the claim language. No new matter has been added, nor has the claim scope been narrowed by these amendments.

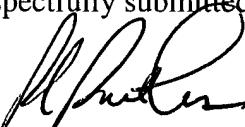
Early action allowing claims 1-14 is solicited.

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